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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: PROTECTIVE FLOORING UNIT WITH FLAP

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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This is a request for filing a Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

**Continuing Application Information:**

- ☐ Continuation      ☐ Divisional      ☐ Continuation-in-Part (CIP)
- ☒ Prior U.S. Application Serial No.: 29/117,377, filed January 21, 2000, and is hereby incorporated by reference.

**Prior Application Information:**

- ☒ Examiner: T. Chase Nelson
- ☒ Group/Art Unit: 2913

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ Application transmittal containing Fee Calculation and Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail".
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$421.00 to cover the application filing fee.
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
- ☒ Specification, Claims (1-21) and Abstract of the Disclosure (16 total pages).
- ☒ Informal drawings (3 total sheets).
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (1 document) (2 total pages).
- ☒ Newly-executed original copy.
- ☐ Copy[ies] from a prior application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d).
- ☐ The Declaration[s] was/were filed prior to December 1, 1997. The inventor[s] post office address[es] is/are: [Post Office Address]

**Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" (37 C.F.R. 1.10)**

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- ☐ Signed Statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)).

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

- ☐ Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment (1 document).  
☐ A check in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the Assignment recordation filing fee.

**Documents reflecting change in Power of Attorney/Correspondence Address.**

- ☐ [Revocation of] Power of Attorney [and Appointment of New Power of Attorney] [by Assignee].  
☐ Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) (where there is an Assignee).  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449.  
☐ Copies of IDS Citations.  
☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently in the prior application.  
☐ Preliminary Amendment.  
☐ Petition to Make Special Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).  
☒ Itemized Return Receipt Post Card.  
☐ Certified copy of priority document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed).  
☐ Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fee Calculation:**

	Filed		Extra		Rate		Calculations
Basic Fee							\$740
Total Claims	21	-	20	=	1	x	\$18 = 18
Independent Claims	4	-	3	=	1	x	\$84 = 84
Multiple Dependent Claims (one time fee)					0	x	\$280 = 0
<b>Total Fee:</b>							<b>\$842</b>
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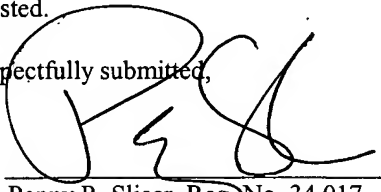
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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.10 and 1.53(a), Applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned a serial number and a filing date of **February 7, 2002**, the date upon which the Application was mailed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

Acknowledgment of receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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